

NEWSLETTER


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Office open: Monday - Friday 9am - 3pm
 for all enquiries, appointments, bookings and all parish business
 (Closed for lunch between 12.30 - 1.00pm)



PARISH MATTERS

 **Baptism Preparation:** To all parents wishing to have their children Baptised...our next preparation meeting will be confirmed at a later date. Places are limited so please call the office to book. Please fill in a Registration Form in advance (on website or from Office).


 **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2018/2019:** Dates to be advised later in the year
CONFIRMATION: 2019 Programme to be advised
RCIA: Next programme starts September 2018 

Funeral of the late John Spillett.
 The Requiem Mass of the late John Spillett, who served St Thomas' for over 40 years, takes place here in St Thomas' on Thursday, 12 July 2018 at 12 noon.

"8th Annual GK Chesterton Pilgrimage Saturday 28th July, for details see; www.CatholicGKChestertonSociety.co.uk Send us any prayer requests; CatholicGKCSociety@yahoo.co.uk or text to 07795205114" Information on poster in the Narthex.

The Southwark Brethren is a long standing charity which helps sick and retired Priests in need. We thank you for your continuous generosity in the past and ask for your help again this year. Please send donations to: Reverend Paul Hough, St Elpheges Presbytery, 120 Stafford Road, Wallington, Surrey, SM6 9AY. Phone: 020 8647 5079 Last year we were able to give £1650 each to 46 Priests in the Diocese of Southwark and Arundel and Brighton, and help 3 seriously ill working Priests. We also have a Gift Aid Scheme for those who pay tax and thank the lay people who have completed the Gift Aid form.

You are invited to join us at the next prayer vigil on Friday 20th July 2018 after the **10.30am** mass at St Francis Catholic Church, Week Street, Maidstone. Rosary and prayer outside the Marie Stopes abortion clinic, Brewer St. Return for refreshments at approximately 12.30pm. There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 11.00 to 12noon. If you are unable to join the vigil please be an intercessor in the church.

 **OPEN AIR MASS RAFFLE WINNERS:** Names of all winners are displayed on lists in the Narthex. Please bring your ticket stub to Linda in the office between 9am and 3pm, Monday to Friday, to claim your prize.

Charismatic Prayer & Scripture Group continues to meet every Wednesdays from 7pm to 9 pm in the Link Lane rooms.


Summer Sing: The New Egham Singers (Surrey) and The Lemon Zingers (Canterbury) will be performing in aid of *Rising Sun Domestic Violence and Abuse Services* at St Peter's Methodist Church on Saturday, 14th June at 7pm. More information on the poster in the Narthex.

Memories of St Thomas of Canterbury: Do you have any photos in your family albums or have memories of events within our Parish? Please contact Bernard on tel. 01227 765810 or by post to 3 Hollowmeade, Wincheap, CT1 3SD

SECOND COLLECTION
 This weekend, 07/08 July - Apostleship of the Sea
 Next weekend - 14/15 July - No second collection this weekend

Dates for your Diary

St Thomas of Canterbury Primary School Summer Fair 2018 - Saturday 14th July, 12-3 p.m.

 Remember to check the notice boards and website for more information not able to fit in the newsletter.

MASS INTENTIONS: We are very happy to try and accommodate specific dates and times for mass intentions. There are times, however, when we may need to change your requested date/time to accommodate funerals or unexpected absences of the priest. We request your understanding on these occasions and ask that you write a contact phone number on your Mass intention envelope so we can phone you to discuss the change.

Live at 'The Night to Save' Music Event
 Saturday, 14 July 2018 in the St Thomas' Church Hall - Doors Open: 19:30
A night of music by a couple of local bands and musicians, trying to get their music out and heard and attempt to recite some timeless classics that we all know and love. Free Entry with any proceeds going to charity. See Poster in Narthex for details.

Parish Directory
 We are updating the Parish Directory - current version can be found here on our website: <http://stthomasofcanterbury.com>. This is an important & valuable source of reference for our parish & its visitors. If you would like to put something in here or change something already here - please contact Tessa by email: tessa.metcalfe@btinternet.com by 14th July 2018. Many thanks.

DO YOU WANT TO BECOME A SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR? A new programme following from the training programme run at the Franciscan International Study Centre (FISC) teaching both the theory and practice of Spiritual Direction (Accompaniment) in an enjoyable and inspiring ecumenical programme is starting at the **Carmelite Friary**, Aylesford early in October 2018. Details from Marie at email tpsdavlesford@gmail.com, or visit www.spiritualdirectionaylesford.co.uk or see poster in Narthex

Please remember in your prayers:
Nick Grealy, Gloria Soar, Suzy Drayson, Agnes Daly, Theresa Punnett, Lorna Feeney, Toni-Lee D'Amiral, David Tully, Winifred May, Margaret Holman, Mary Wallace, Marie Strong, Pat Gill, Katie Cobbett, Angeline Frizell, Mary Gillette, Christopher Browne, Erlinda Rogers, David Bull, Alan Skeet, Louisa Ward, Mary Donellan, Janette Hughes, Vlasta Cerna, Amanda Watts, Maurice Crosland, Barbara Brett, Hannelore Hall, Mary Dittrich, June Carver, Keith Purbrick, Sean Maple, Kathleen Hutchinson, Rosa Maria Santos, Lucy Purbrick, Josie Price, Mrs Cleary, Becky Judge, Dolores Klosky, Barbara Markham, A. Charles Ryan, Pat Gibson, James Hayes, Stephen Rogers, Phyllis Stirton, Lisa Hood and Mary Connolly

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:
 Francis Brown, Joan Calloway, Owen Jordan, Monica Kenny, Ruby Cookman, Jacqueline Hill, Catherine Concannon, Joe Connor, Fr Michael Murphy, Peter Rosser, Franco Pizzigallo, Josephine MacDonald and Marcin Wesolowski, Joan Willey, Raymond Allcorn, Sr Anne Canning, Frank Johnson, Wolfgang Dittrich, Guisto Offredi, John Kemsley and John Spillett.

Thank you! Collections for weekend 30 June/01 July 2018:
 Offertory: £931.22 loose & £985.65 Gift Aided- total £1916.87
 2nd Collection: for SVP raised a total of £809.81
 Special Collection: 29/06/2018 for Peter Pence: £264.17

TIMES OF MASSES & INTENTIONS

6pm (Vigil) Maria Sheridan (Fr Daniel)
 8 pm Mass of the Translation: Canterbury Cathedral Quire - Wolfgang Dittrich - RIP (Mary Dittrich)
Sunday 08th July Fourteenth Sunday (Ordinary Time) Mk 6:1-6
 8 am Joan Willey - RIP (F. M. Connellan)
 9:30 am David Riley - RIP (Mrs Riley)
 11am Foundation Mass: Charles Jones Hill - RIP
 Baptism of Sephora Barra during Mass
 12.15 Baptism of Poppy Johnson
 3.00 pm Polish Community Mass 2nd Collection: Apostleship of the Sea
 6 pm People of the Parish
 7.30 pm Receiving the Body of John Kemsley into the Church
Monday 09th July Feria Mt 9:18-26
 7.30 am Frank Johnson - RIP (Roberta)
 12 noon Funeral of John Kemsley (celebrant: Fr Francis)
 7-9 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Tuesday 10th July St Thomas, Apostle Mt 9:32-38
 7.30 am Michael Orth (Fr Daniel)
 12 noon Mary and Frank Franklin - RIP (Barbara Smith)
Wednesday 11th July St Benedict, Abbot Mt 10: 1-7
 7.30 am Sheila Doyle (Liz O'Donovan)
 10.30-11.30 Sacrament of Reconciliation (Fr Daniel)
 12 noon Sebastian - RIP (Mrs Sebastian)
 7 - 8.30 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 7 - 9 pm Charismatic Prayer group (Link Lane Rooms)
Thursday 12th July Feria Mt 10:7-15
 7.30 am Good Health
 12 noon Funeral of John Spillett
 7.45 pm Prayer and Pub
Friday 13th July Feria Mt 10:16-23
 7.30 am Morning Prayer
 12 noon Welfare of Harry Cookson (A. Nichols)
 7.30 pm Eileen Lee (Liz O'Donovan)
 Adoration until 9pm
Saturday 14th July Feria Mt 10:24-33
 10.30 - 11.30 am Reconciliation (Fr Anthony)
 12 noon Melvin Dodds - RIP (Pamela Dodds)
 4.30 - 5.30 pm Reconciliation (Fr Daniel)
 6pm (Vigil) Varghese - RIP
Sunday 15th July Fifteenth Sunday (Ordinary Time) Mk 6:7-13
 8 am For Family Members (F. M. Connellan)
 9:30 am Wellbeing of Celia Welch (Fr Daniel)
 11am Gerard Fagg - RIP (Family)
 Baptism of Michael Miller during Mass
 12.15 Baptism of Madison Kemp
 6 pm People of the Parish

From Fr Anthony ...

This weekend we are baptising Sephora at the 11am Mass and Poppy at 12:15. After pouring water over their heads the priest will anoint them on the crown of the head and say: *"The God of power and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has freed you from sin and brought you new life through water and the Holy Spirit. He now anoints you with the chrism of salvation, so that united with his people; you may remain forever a member of Christ who is Priest, Prophet and King."* These two new Christians, along with all of us who have been baptised, share in the life of Jesus as Priest Prophet and King. I want to focus on what it means for you and I to be a prophet. In the Gospel today when the people of Jesus' hometown of Nazareth reject him, he says, *"A prophet is not without honour except in his hometown and among his own relatives and in his own household."*

So how are we prophets? As you know, one meaning of the word prophet is someone who predicts the future. But the other meaning is; a prophet is a person who reminds us of God's Word and what His will is for us. In the Catechism of the Catholic Church it states: *"Lay people also fulfil their prophetic mission by evangelization, that is, the proclamation of Christ by word and the testimony of life."* For lay people, *"This evangelization ... acquires a specific property and peculiar efficacy because it is accomplished in the ordinary circumstances of the world."* To be a prophet is to witness by our life what it means to live the command of Jesus to love our neighbour, to do good to those that hate and hurt us. This is the challenge for us all today. To go along with the crowd, and conform to what is expected of us and what are the norms, will not hack it. The way of love often means a way of self-sacrifice and putting the other person first. For the people of Nazareth they had no faith in Jesus. To be a witness and prophet today means that we need to grow in faith in Jesus. As Sylvester O Flynn says in his commentary of this gospel today *"Christian belief means a personal acceptance in the core of my being of Jesus Christ as the unique revelation of God to us, as the only authentic way to God, ... The Latin word, credere, to believe, comes from cor-dare, to give your heart to Jesus."* This is what the people of Nazareth would not do.

Lord give me the grace to open my heart to you today so that I am able receive your wisdom and power. Thus filled with your wisdom and power I may live out my life as a prophet witnessing to you through my word and example.

